第５講　長文問題演習⑤

ポイント

❶ 抽象の発見①
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❸ 対比の発見

次の英文を読んで，設問に答えなさい。

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(Good Bye, Galapagos, Evolving Aspects of Japanese Society, Paul Stapleton 南雲堂)

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[1]
① Because ② Whether
③ Although ④ Usually

[2]
① For example ② Moreover
③ On the other hand ④ Therefore

問２ 設問 [3] ～ [10] の答えとして最も適切なものを，①～④のうちからそれぞれ１つ選べ。

[3] What does **the lead role** probably mean here?
① Snow White ② class leader
③ Snow White or a dwarf ④ a dwarf

[4] What does **ridiculous** probably mean here?
① stupid ② impossible ③ dangerous ④ jealous

[5] What does **unreasonable** probably mean here?
① unlikely ② unfortunate ③ unfair ④ untimely

6 Which is not mentioned as an example of monster parents, actions in the passage?

① having a particular student win a sporting event

② making a tall student move away from a short student

③ stalking a teacher until he/she apologizes

④ complaining about the school stage play

7 According to the passage, what used to happen when students made problems?

① Teachers would apologize to parents.

② Parents made their apologies to the teachers.

③ Children were made to apologize to teachers.

④ Parents expected an apology from their children.

8 According to the passage, which is not a possible cause of monster parents?

① financial trouble

② poor teachers

③ fewer children

④ parent meetings

9 According to the passage, which of the following is true?

① There are three times as many teacher absences now as there were a decade ago.

② Teacher absences due to depression may have gone up 33% in the last ten years.

③ Fewer teachers are stressed these days in comparison to teachers ten years ago.

④ It used to be a lot more stressful being a teacher.

10 According to the passage, why do young people decide against becoming teachers?

① The economy is too weak so they are worried about financial security.

② They don’t want to read the handbook.

③ Their parents are too aggressive and emotional.

④ They read negative articles about monster parents in the news.

背景知識　モンスター・ペアレント

●過保護・過干渉な親の呼称

① モンスター・ペアレント（日本）
・学校に対して，自己中心的で過度な要求をして，自分の子供を優遇させようとする親。

② ヘリコプター・ペアレント（アメリカ・カナダ）
・まるでヘリコプターがホバリングするように，自分の子供に関わることがやめられない親。子供に問題が生じるたびに，ヘリコプターで着陸して助けに行く親のイメージ。

③ カーリング・ペアレント
・子供の先回りをして障害を取り除き，子供が通る道を先にならしてしまう親。

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第５講 解答

解答

問１ 1 ③　2 ①

問２ 3 ①　4 ①　5 ③　6 ②　7 ②　8 ②　9 ①　10 ④

問題と選択肢の訳

問１

1 ① なので　② かどうか　③ ではあるが　④ たいてい

2 ① たとえば　② その上　③ 一方で　④ だから

問２

3 文中の the lead role とはどのような意味ですか。

① 白雪姫　② クラスリーダー　③ 白雪姫または小人　④ 小人

4 文中の ridiculous とはどのような意味ですか。

① 愚かな　② あり得ない　③ 危険な　④ 嫉妬深い

5 文中の unreasonable とはどのような意味ですか。

① 可能性が低い　② 不運な　③ 不当な　④ 間が悪い

6 モンスター・ペアレントの行動の一例として文中に挙げられていないものはどれですか。

① 特定の生徒をスポーツ競技会で勝たせること

② 背の高い生徒を背の低い生徒から遠ざけること

③ 教師が謝るまでつきまとうこと

④ 学校の舞台公演について文句を言うこと

7 文に照らし，生徒が問題を起こした場合に起きていたことは何ですか。

① 教師が親に謝罪した。

② 親が教師に謝罪した。

③ 子供が教師に謝罪させられた。

④ 親は子供たちに謝罪を求めた。

8 文に照らし，モンスター･ペアレントの原因として考えられないものはどれですか。

① 金銭的問題

② 未熟な教師

③ 少子化

④ 保護者会

9 文に照らし，次のうち正しいものはどれですか。

① 10 年前の 3 倍も精神的ストレスによる教師の欠勤が増えている。

② うつ病による教師の欠勤は，過去十年間で 33% 増加した可能性がある。

③ 十年前の教師と比較して，現在のほうがストレスを感じる教師が少ない。

④ 教師であるということへのストレスは以前のほうがずっと多かった。

10 文に照らし，若者が教師になろうとしない理由は何ですか。

① 景気悪化で，経済的に不安を抱えているため。

② 冊子を読みたくないため。

③ 彼らの親が攻撃的かつ感情的すぎるため。

④ モンスター・ペアレントについての否定的な記事がニュースで取り上げられているのを読むため。

本文の全訳

あなたが教師で, 学校の舞台劇「白雪姫と七人の小人」の公演を企画しているとする。しかし，白雪姫役の少女を選んだら，娘が主役に選ばれなかった理由を問い合わせる親たちからの電話が鳴り始める。劇に出演する別々の子供たちの母親や父親からの絶え間ない電話の末，ついにあなたは解決策を決定する。その劇には 25 人の白雪姫が出演するのだ。この話が単に都市伝説だったら笑えるだろう。しかし，これは実話なのだ。日本のモンスター・ペアレントの新時代へようこそ。

たいていは母親だがときに父親の場合もあるモンスター・ペアレントは，自分の子供は特別待遇を受けるに値すると信じている。学校や職場で子供が受けられる最善の待遇を望むのは正常なことだが，このようなモンスター・ペアレントたちは，特に子供の教師に対して，どういうわけか理不尽な期待を抱いている。

25 人の白雪姫の例は極端に思えるかもしれないし，ばかげているとさえ思えるかもしれないが，他にも同様にとんでもない要求が親たちから寄せられている。たとえば，ある親は，自分の子供を勝たせるためスポーツ競技会の得点を変えるよう教師に要求し続けた。別の母親は，クラス写真で背の低い息子が背の高い男子の隣に立っていると苦情を述べた。このようなモンスター・ペアレントたちは，理不尽な要求をするだけでなく，教師からの謝罪を当然のように求め，ストーカー行為にすらおよぶという。

こうした振る舞いは，忍耐強く礼儀正しいとされる冷静な日本人の性格の典型的なイメージに反しており，非常に驚くべきものだ。昔は，子供が学校で迷惑をかけたら，親が教師に謝罪するのが普通で，深く頭を下げて詫びることも多かった。今では謝罪を要求するのはモンスター・ペアレントのほうだ。日本では伝統的に教師は尊敬の対象だったので，モンスター・ペアレントのおきまりのターゲットが教師だということも驚きだ。

親たちの間のこの行動の劇的な変化を説明するいくつかの理論が提唱されている。よくある原因のひとつは経済の弱さだ。親たちの中には，経済的に不安を感じ，何がなんでも子供に成功してほしいと必死に願う人もいる。ときにはこのようなストレスがたまったモンスター･ペアレントたちが緊急の会議に集まり，感情的な雰囲気によって単純な不満が理不尽な要求へと誇張されてしまうこともある。

別の理論では少子化との関連も指摘されている。今では多くの家庭にひとりの子供しかおらず，その子が親の注目を一身に集めている。モンスター・ペアレントが教師に注目する理由に関しては，生徒たちが自分の居住区以外の学校を選べるようになったからなのかもしれない。それが意味するところは，優秀な生徒を獲得するために各学校間での競争が必要になるということだ。親は自分の子供を顧客のようなものだと感じているのかもしれない。だから，彼らは遠慮なく度を越えた要求をするのだ。

モンスター・ペアレントが増えている理由が何であれ，解決策が必要だ。親たちのいやがらせに業を煮やして辞職した教師もいる。自殺した者までもいる。この 10 年間で，教師の精神的ストレスによる欠席日数は 3 倍に増えた。メディアに登場するモンスター・ペアレントの話も，若者の教職への就業を思いとどまらせる傾向がある。

この問題は非常に深刻なものだと考えられ，教師への提案が書かれたハンドブックが作成された。教師へのアドバイスの中には，非難を受け入れるのではなく，単に問題を調査すると約束して答えることが含まれている。教師がモンスター・ペアレントの攻撃的な行動に対処する方法を学ぶにつれて，モンスター・ペアレントも，将来，気を付ける必要があるのかもしれない。

第５講　重要語彙リスト

＊一つ一つ何度も繰り返して，
覚えてください

1	organize	～を企画する
2	lead role	主役
3	continual	絶え間ない
4	deserve	～を受けるに値する
5	treatment	待遇
6	somehow	どういうわけか
7	unreasonable	理不尽な
8	extreme	極端な
9	ridiculous	ばかげた
10	outrageous	とんでもない
11	demand	要求
12	complain	文句を言う
13	apology	謝罪
14	stalk	つきまとう
15	typical	典型的な
16	personality	性格
17	patient	忍耐強い
18	polite	礼儀正しい
19	bow	おじぎ
20	traditionally	伝統的に
21	figure	象徴
22	respect	尊敬
23	dramatic	劇的な
24	common source	よくある原因
25	blame	非難
26	insecure	不安な
27	desperately	必死に
28	no matter what	何があろうと
29	stressed-out	ストレスがたまった
30	exaggerate	誇張する
31	attention	注目
32	as for ～	～に関しては
33	compete against ～	～と競争する
34	feel free to ～	遠慮なく～する
35	excessive	度を越えた
36	frustrate	イライラさせる
37	harassment	いやがらせ
38	discourage	思いとどまらせる
39	investigate	～を調査する
40	cope with ～	～に対処する

第５講　音読用白文　①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩

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